U. H. J. bringing back the Negroes already there and Inflicting severe punishments on such Convicts as shall attempt hereafter to Escape.

Signed p Order Geo Plater Cl Up Ho.

Two bills from the Lower house by Capt Hooper and M^r Denton viz

A Bill for Reviving An Act Intituled An Act for raising a Duty of 3^d p hhd on all Tobacco Exported out of this Province for the uses therein mentioned

A Bill Entituled An Act reviving and Continuing An Act for Ascertaining the Gauge and Tare of Tobacco hhds, Severally thus Endors'd viz.

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Read the first and second time by especial Order and will Pass.

Signed p Order M. Jenifer Cl Lo Ho.

Which bills are Ordered to lye upon the Table This House Adjourns for two hours.

Eodem Die post Meridiem

This House met Again According to Adjournment. Present as in the morning

Read the Bill for reviving An Act Intituled An Act for raizeing a duty of three Pence p hhd on all Tob° Exported out of this province for the Uses therein mentioned as Also a bill Entituled An Act reviveing & Continuing An Act for Ascertaining the Gauge and Tare of Tob° hhds &ca which were ordered to be [severally] thus Endors'd viz.

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Signed p Order Geo Plater Cl Up Ho.

Sent down by Col^o Addison

Read the bill for Dividing S^t John's Parish in Prince Georges County which is ordered to be thus Endorst viz.

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As the present Incumbent has not appeared to make his defence nor Signified his Assent to the Division in the Bill